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25 September 1956

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 25 September 1956

Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral R. H. Rice, acting for Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Alan Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative
to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
19 September Meeting
(IAC-M-256)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 320

Noted this report, including the special report incorporated in the annex thereto.

3. NIE 92-56
The Outlook for Bolivia
(Memorandum to IAC, 18 September)

4. Review of Suez Developments
(Discussion by IAC members
of significant developments
since last IAC meeting)

a. General Cabell stated that he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda in order to obtain the members' views as to whether any developments subsequent to approval of SNIE 30-5-56 would require a revision of that estimate. None of the members expressed the view that any such revision was necessary at this time. Mr. Armstrong noted various developments during the past week which appeared to diminish concern over the time span covered by that estimate.

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c. The Chairman suggested, and the members concurred, that the Suez situation should be carried as an agenda item for the next few weeks.

5. Briefing by Continental
Air Defense Command

The Chairman, noting that a firm response should be made to General Partridge with respect to his invitation to IAC members to visit the Continental Air Defense Command (IAC-M-255, 11 September 1956, item 6), asked the members to express their preference as to timing. By majority vote, the members agreed that it would be preferable to leave on 1 November, returning to Washington on 3 November. The members also agreed that it would be desirable for the party to include, in addition to IAC members, at least one additional staff representative from each of the civilian IAC agencies. The Chairman stated that, in accepting the invitation, he would inform General Partridge of the members' views regarding timing and other arrangements.

6. Estimate on Nicaragua

The Chairman, noting the attempted assassination of President Somoza, raised the question of whether the IAC should initiate an estimate on the Nicaraguan situation. Mr. Armstrong stressed that, in order to be useful to policy-makers, such an estimate would have to be completed very shortly. Following a discussion between the members and [redacted] the members agreed that an estimate on Nicaragua should be undertaken on a crash basis, with a draft to be made available to IAC members no later than Wednesday (26 September).

Adjournment: 1115

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